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## Abortion

### An emotional battle that won't fade away

It is early spring, 1981, and in the Montana Legislature, members are facing off over the most emotional issue of the session: abortion.

Legislators must decide whether to make Montana the 22nd state to ask Congress to draft either a constitutional amendment banning abortion or call a constitutional convention to do the same.

Lobbyists from both pro- and anti-abortion groups fight hard over the proposal. But, in the end, neither side wins. The Legislature compromises.

While it agrees to call on Congress to write the Human Life Amendment — which defines life as beginning at conception and would make abortion murder — it balks at asking Congress to call for a convention. The Legislature goes on to other business. The war, it seems, is over.

But not quite.

Already, Montana Right to Life — the state's largest anti-abortion group — has taken on a new foe: Sandra O'Conner, Reagan's appointee to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Montana Pro-Choice Coalition — which backs abortion rights — plans to educate Montana on the potential results of the Human Life Amendment.

And both groups are preparing strategy: not only for the next legislative session, but for other battles as well.

#### The Battle

Montana's abortion fight started long before the 1981 Legislative session. It began soon after the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision that said that the states could not restrict a woman from

having an abortion up to the sixth month of pregnancy.

Since then, more than 17,000 abortions have been performed in the state, by both clinics and private physicians. (See related story page 1.)

The first attempt to pass a human rights amendment in Montana came in 1975. Rep. Helen O'Connell, (D-Great Falls) introduced the measure.

It got little support either that year or in 1977. And in 1979, when Montana Right to Life lobbied for the bill, it still did not pass.

But this year, with aggressive and sophisticated lobbying by both groups, abortion became the Legislature's most controversial issue.

#### What Now?

For Judy Smith, of Pro-Choice, the future of the abortion rights battle depends on education.

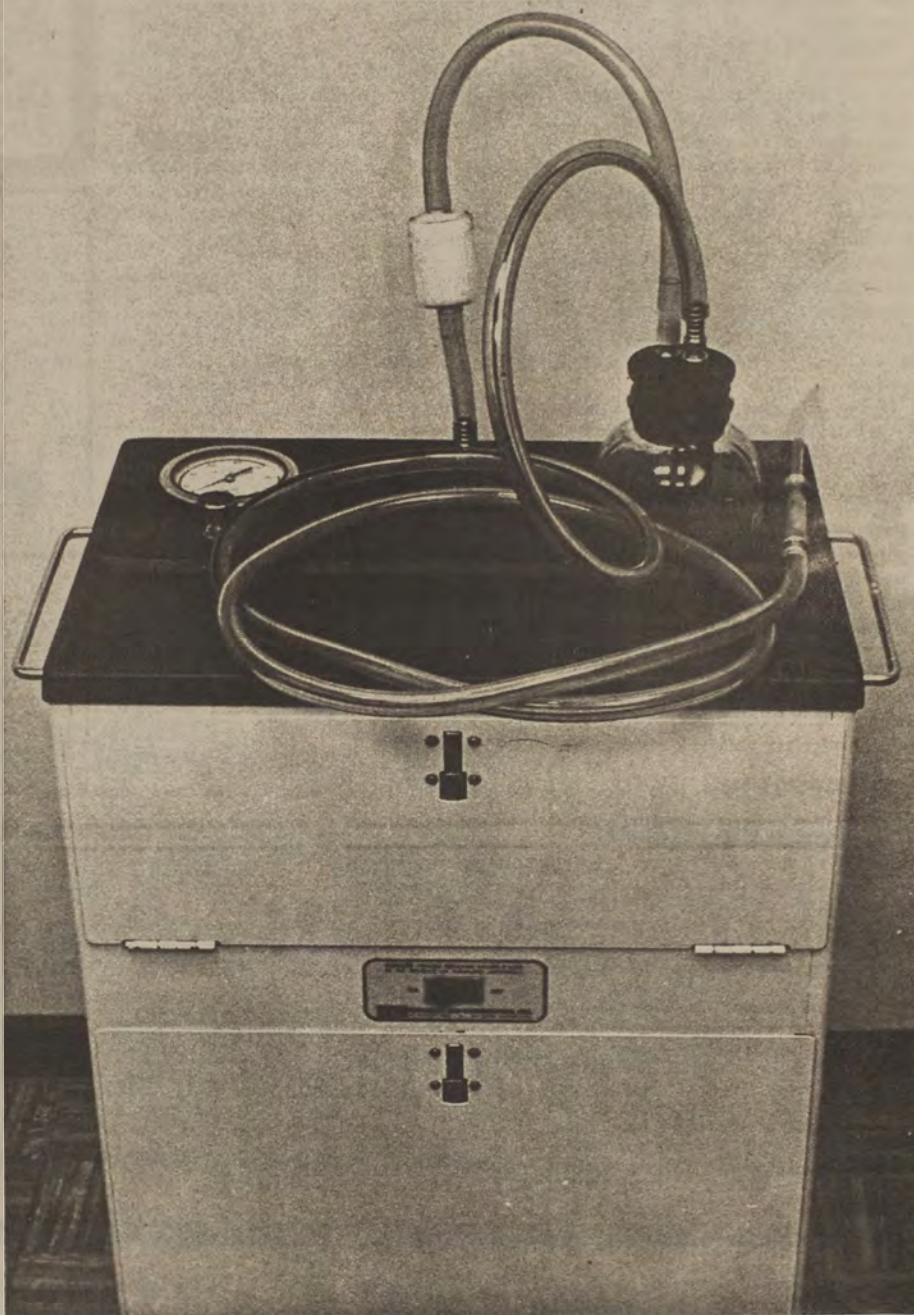
"We're mobilizing people against the Human Life Amendment and that is through education," Smith said. The group plans to tour Montana areas without local Pro-Choice chapters and tell people about the possible effects of such an amendment.

The second step, Smith said, is getting people involved, having them pressure legislators by making phone calls and writing letters.

Smith also said Pro-Choice will continue its support of Sen. Max Baucus (D-Mont.) who has voted consistently against anti-abortion bills.

So, Pro-Choice's major campaign is to persuade people to fight the Human Rights Amend-

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A VACUUM ASPIRATOR, used at Blue Mountain Women's Clinic for abortions. (Photo by Nicolyn Rosen).

## Seaweed and vacuums are some tools of abortion

Abortions during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy usually are performed with a small piece of seaweed and a vacuum cleaner, representatives of the Blue Mountain Women's Clinic said.

Dr. Douglas Webber, one of the three physicians working part-time at the clinic, explained that the seaweed is placed in the cervical canal — the narrow, lower end of the womb — to absorb fluid and dilate the canal. A vacuum tube is then inserted and the fetus is sucked from the womb.

"I've done about 2,000 abortions in four years in Missoula," Webber said. He described the operation as simple and safe.

One of the pamphlets distributed by the clinic explains that abortions during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy are done at the clinic and that only a local anesthetic is needed. The operation takes between five and 10 minutes.

Webber said that the state regulates abortions more closely after the 12th week than before that point and that the operation is more complicated and must be done in a hospital.

"After about 16 weeks," he said, "a saline solution is injected into the uterus and it causes a miscarriage."

Abortion is not legal after the fetus is 24 weeks old. Webber said that after that

point it is possible that a baby could be born and live on its own.

"I would not perform an abortion on a fetus that has the potential for viability," he said.

Webber said that if a pregnancy after the 24th week threatened the mother's life, a doctor would induce delivery and try to save the baby.

Karen Wilson, health educator and counselor at the clinic, said that the staff talks to each patient to make sure she has made the right decision about abortion. She said that a counselor stays with the patient through the operation, and that post-abortion counseling is rarely needed.

"Most women feel relieved and good about the decision," she said. "For many women it's the first real decision they've had to make."

Of the 822 abortions done at the clinic in 1980, 100 were for women under the age of 18. Wilson said that state law requires parental notification if the patient is under 18, but that the notification can be after the operation.

"We like to have a note saying the parents approve," she said, "but if she doesn't have a note, we notify the parents after the abortion."

Wilson said that birth control is part of the counseling the clinic provides and that

very few women return for a repeat abortion.

"We strongly encourage them to choose a method of birth control," she said. "I think all the money that goes into fighting abortion should go to improving birth control."

Abortions are available at one other women's clinic in Montana — the Yellowstone Valley Women's Clinic in Billings. Many private practitioners in Missoula and across the state also provide the service. The cost for an abortion in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy is \$190 at the Blue Mountain Clinic. It could cost as much as \$600 to abort a 16-24 week-old fetus.

Tom Alton



## Abortion frees women

Women have been property many times in the past. Something controlled and manipulated by men. The control those women exercised over their lives extended merely to body functions.

Supposedly, this age and this country are different. Women, after all, can own property, vote and do many other activities that were exclusively male not so many years ago.

In spite of this apparent freedom, women are barred from military draft because they are considered too fragile for combat. They are denied equal protection under the constitution. And if the so-called Human Life Amendment or the Human Life Statute passes Congress and becomes a law, they will lose control over their bodies.

These proposed laws will arbitrarily set the beginning of "human life" at conception, thus making abortion murder and taking from women the option of ending an unwanted pregnancy.

This is a game of semantics. Human life obviously begins at conception. A fetus grows, ingests nourishment, expels waste and interacts with its environment — life by anyone's definition.

And since this fetus can grow into a human, it is human life.

But is the fetus a person? Can it live as an individual or is it merely a potential, an extension of the mother and nothing more?

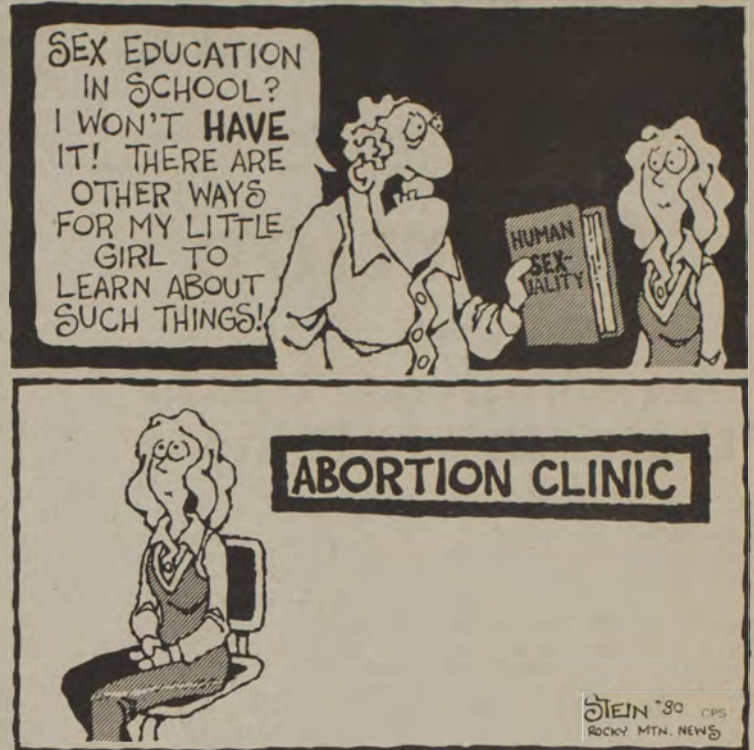
A fetus is human life because it can become a human being. But it is not a person worthy of constitutional protection until it can live as a viable individual, separate from the mother. Until that time, usually set at 24 weeks, the fetus should be subordinate to the mother in every respect.

Aborting a fetus that cannot live as a separate person is birth control. It is not murder.

Without the freedom to control and end pregnancy, women become property, slaves to a moment of passion and male caprice. Two hundred years ago, a woman married at 18, birthed ten children by 30, and was dead by 50, ground under like a donkey.

Only the Human Life Amendment, or some similar travesty of morality, will bring that back.

—Doug O'Harra



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The War on Drugs — it's a catchy euphemism we'll all be hearing about soon.

And while the feds are lining up their troops — which include the DEA, the FBI, the IRS, the courts and even the military — we all get to pay for this war. But why fight? A simpler, less costly solution exists: legalize drugs.

Legalizing "narcotics" like heroin, cocaine, marijuana, etc., would undercut their black-market potential. Hence, lower prices and less crime to support drug habits, and the opening up of a multibillion-dollar industry to taxation.

But this isn't going to happen. It just makes too much sense.

Instead, the Reagan administration is gearing up for all-out war against drug traffickers, an action that is not lacking support. The Moral Majority, the U.S. House and Senate, editors of many newspapers (including the New York Times) and handfuls of social scientists — all offer strong endorsement of the feds' planned crackdown on illegal drugs.

The primary reasoning behind these endorsements is that stopping the drug influx will reduce crime, for users must steal to support their habits. According to a federally funded study released in March, rising East Coast property crime rates are directly related to increasing heroin addiction, and that means drug trafficking must be stopped.

But the study is missing the point. Why does a heroin habit cost \$80 to \$250 a day? Because heroin is hard to obtain. Because it's a black-market item. Because it's illegal.

Curbing drug traffic will make heroin tougher to obtain. But it will also drive the price higher, and crime will increase, not decrease.

Witness Prohibition in the 1930s: because of it, organized

**The solution is simple: legalize drugs**



Mike Dennison

crime flourished. And Prohibition forced no one to run and jump on the wagon.

The War on Drugs also ignores economic reality. How can the DEA and its \$1 billion budget possibly rein in an estimated \$30 billion-a-year cocaine trade, \$24 billion marijuana trade or \$10 billion heroin business?

Imagine instead legalized drugs, with the government raking in a "drug severance tax" used to offset the ill effects of drug abuse.

But, no. The feds insist otherwise, and arm the troops. And to make enforcement easier, the DEA and the Reagan administration wants to:

- be able to eliminate bail in certain drug cases.
- engage help of the military in drug-laws enforcement. It is now illegal for the military to enforce civilian law.
- tap the resources of the FBI and the IRS.
- loosen laws guarding against intrusion into persons' bank and tax records.
- spray American marijuana fields with paraquat, which can cause vomiting, hemorrhaging and lung damage to those who smoke the contaminated marijuana.

Sacrificing civil liberties in the name of the useless War on Drugs is absurd. Legalizing drugs is not. It is a step toward attacking the cause of drug abuse rather than the result. But it is only one step.

Unemployment, poverty, hopelessness and ignorance — these are the causes of drug abuse. Our government effectively promotes and furthers all of them. Legalizing drugs will remove the emphasis from enforcement and place it where it belongs: education.



## Briefs

### Habbe denies Bryan Black's appeal

A University of Montana faculty member's appeal of his evaluation was denied July 8 by Donald Habbe, acting UM president.

Because of that, Bryan Black, assistant professor of philosophy, will be recommended to the Board of Regents for a less-than-normal salary raise in 1981-82. According to Habbe, this means Black will receive a 6 percent rather than a 12 percent raise.

Last fall, the philosophy department voted 8 to 4 to recommend Black for a less-than-normal raise because his philosophy papers allegedly lacked clarity.

Black appealed this, maintaining that not only was he not told that he was being considered for a less-than-normal raise, but that many department members had not read all of his papers.



BRYAN BLACK

On May 20, the UM Appeals Committee agreed with Black

that there was procedural flaw in the department's evaluation. Both the committee's decision and the department's evaluation then went to Habbe for a final recommendation.

Habbe wrote to Black that he concurred with the department's evaluation, and added that the appeals committee had misinterpreted contract wording.

Black said that he had been "very happy" about the committee's decision, and was "not at all surprised to find the administration concurring with the department."

But, that his papers lacked clarity is "monstrous nonsense," Black added.

The Regents will rule on the recommendation at the meeting July 31.

—Doug O'Harra

### Ex-Missoulain editor joins UM faculty

Sharon Barrett, former city editor of the Missoulian, will become a full-time assistant professor at the University of Montana School of Journalism this fall.

Barrett was selected from a field of about 20 applicants, according to Warren Brier, dean of the journalism school.

"On the basis of experience, she was simply the most qualified applicant," Brier said.

The criteria for selecting Barrett, who replaces Ken Brusie, were experience on daily

newspapers, teaching experience and a master's degree.

Barrett has worked as city editor of the Missoulian for the past three years and as a reporter since 1972. She was a book critic working from Missoula for the Chicago Daily News for seven years until it folded in 1978.

Barrett holds a B.A. in journalism from Indiana University and an M.A. in English from the University of Wisconsin. She also taught English for six years in schools around Chicago.

By moving into academia, Barrett said she does not feel she is leaving journalism. "I'm just stepping away from the daily routine and pressures of a paper," she said. "I want to take a more contemplative look at what we (journalists) are doing."

Barrett said one aspect of UM's journalism school that interests her is that the professors continue to work as journalists while teaching. "I hope to be able to do the same," she said.

—C. L. Gilbert

### Turntable, stopwatch stolen from KUFM

A \$329 turntable and a \$50 stopwatch were stolen from KUFM last week, it was reported July 20.

According to William Marcus, production manager, the turntable was taken out of a production room sometime between July 17 and the morning of the 20th. The room was being remodeled and was not in use. The watch was taken earlier.

Marcus said that none of the KUFM weekend staff noticed anyone suspicious. The turntable, a Technics 1500, will be replaced by listener donations, Marcus said.

But even with that, the University of Montana has been unusually quiet this summer, according to Ken Willett, chief of campus security.

Since June 15, there have been two bicycles stolen and several wallets taken. Willett said a possible reason for the quiet summer is the students now at UM are older and more mature.

Other incidents include:

- June 29. A man wearing a slip, panties, a padded bra, a belt and tennis shoes was spotted near the Archery Shed that is located near the old Milwaukee Road bed. The man told an

investigating officer that he was involved in a fraternity gag, but later admitted that he had a

sexual fetish over women's clothing. He was escorted in his car to the freeway.

### UM enrollment down slightly

Summer enrollment at the University of Montana is now running slightly behind what it was a year ago.

As of July 20, 1,845 students had registered and paid fees. At the same time in Summer Quarter 1980, 1,862 students had registered.

Phil Bain, UM registrar, said the difference between

the two years is not significant. Enrollment this summer is running "right at the same pace" as last summer, he said.

Students register continuously throughout the summer, with the final enrollment figures available only at the end of the quarter. At the end of Summer Quarter 1980, about 2,100 students had registered.

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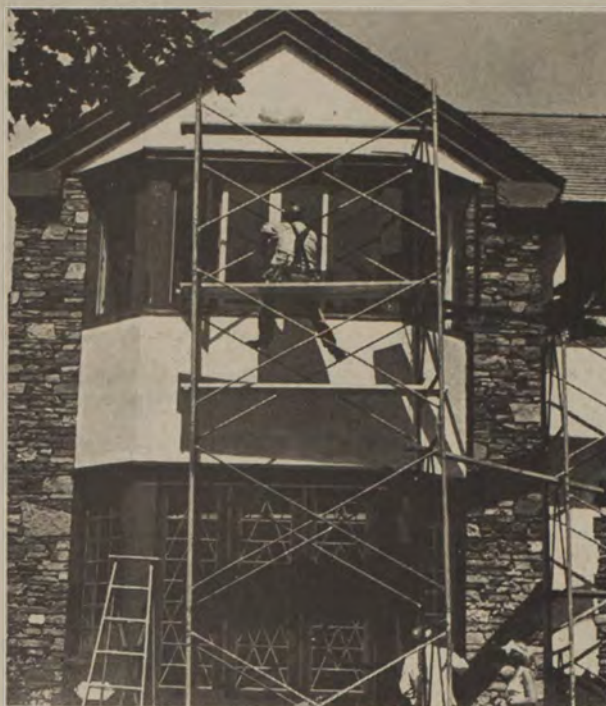
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## Campus

### UM president's house gets face-lift



The UM president's house, 1325 Gerald Ave., receives some loving care. Photo by Nicolyn Rosen.

While it's between occupants this summer, the house of the University of Montana president has been receiving some routine maintenance.

Neil Bucklew, the incoming UM president, won't be moving in until late August.

According to Dick Walch, UM maintenance supervisor, the stucco and window trim is being painted and faucet washers are being replaced.

Bucklew, who will be in Missoula from July 22 to 26, will meet with those people who this fall will be his staff, and with the ECOS (the executive committee of the Faculty Senate) during his visit.

In a related issue, Donald Habbe, acting UM president, said that replacements for UM legal counsel and UM Foundation director will not be sought until Bucklew takes office.

George Mitchell, present legal counsel, is the finalist for the position of auxiliary services director. Allan Vannini, director of the foundation, resigned but will serve until Nov. 31 or until a replacement has been found.

## National

### The Son of God may be in Cleveland

God is alive and living in Cleveland.

So says Eugene Changey, a factory machinist from the Cleveland suburb of Maple Heights, who claims he is Jesus, reincarnated.

The Montana Kaimin recently received a letter from Changey in which he claimed to be the Son of God. At first it was considered to be a joke. But, when contacted by phone, Changey assured us that—yes, indeed—he really is the Son of God.

Changey said that he realized that he was Jesus while confined to a mental hospital in Cleveland in 1942. He wouldn't describe exactly how he came to that realization, but said the story is contained in his autobiography "All Souls Are Mine." The book is now out of print. He said he wrote the book in collaboration with his "Father."

Changey is involved in a massive literature campaign to spread what he claims is the

"Word of God." Changey said he receives information from God "through deep meditation." In order to receive these messages, he said he tries to keep his mind "a total blank."

He said he has contacted over 3,000 newspaper editors and publishers in the United States, Canada, England, Australia, Africa, and "all of the English-speaking countries." He declined to explain how he communicates the "Word of God" in non-English-speaking countries, except to say that his sister, with whom he lives, is fluent in Spanish.

Changey's letter-writing began in 1960 and he said he does all of the work himself, with help from his "Father," and pays all printing and postage costs out of his own pocket.

Changey has written two books in addition to his autobiography: "The Thinker and the Hare" and "From My Creator with Love." He said he and the "Father" collaborated on "The Thinker and the Hare," but that his

"Father" is the sole author of "From My Creator With Love." He said it is "difficult" to explain exactly what the two books are about, but will send a copy to whomever requests one "to answer any questions."

Changey, who is 60, said that when he dies, someone else's body will house the spirit of Jesus. Changey rejects the idea that the second coming of Jesus, which he said is now, will signal the end of the world. He said no one knows when Armageddon will come, except his "Father." He added that the world will end only when evil triumphs over good.

Included in the letters that Changey sends all over the world is a "Treatise on Armageddon." In it, he rails against the proliferation of nuclear weapons and people's lack of caring for each other.

Changey declines to explain much of his philosophy, but instead says his writings explain it better and offers to send whatever literature is requested.

He did say, however, that Blacks are the true members of the chosen race because "my father is mostly for the underdog." He said that blacks were chosen because they live in "humble surroundings, in dire need of someone to look up to." Anyone who doesn't accept Changey as the true Jesus will be doomed to everlasting hell, he said. This idea is what he has been preaching all along, he added.

When asked where he would spend eternity, Changey said he hopes to "be by my Father's side." But, he added, "it's difficult to adhere to good all of the time."

—Susan Toft

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—Scott L. Davidson,

Manager Emeritus Montana Kaimin

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# Outings

## 'The Front Page' is fast, fun

Despite a rather slow start, "The Front Page," the latest production of the Riverfront Summer Theatre, is an enjoyable trip back to the late 1920s, with two community members performing with exceptional style.

The play opens in the press room of the Criminal Courts Building in Chicago in 1928. Into the room stumble five reporters, who immediately take up the day's work of playing cards. Phones ring and characters stroll in and out of the newsroom, and the audience quickly feels the control the press has over the city.

Bigotry sleazes out from the reporters as they snarl at the presence of a woman in the pressroom or as they make jokes about the worthlessness of a crime story involving a black couple.

The meanness and open bigotry needed to put the audience into the late '20s, where race hatred and open political graft was more or less accepted, seems overpowering at times. One could question the designation of the play as a comedy during the first act.

The quick action and comical

movements of Brent Batton — playing the hero, Hildy Johnson of the Tribune — quickly saves the mood of light-heartedness. Batton is best when he's clowning in the second act, striding back and forth across the newsroom changing shirts and telling off his boss over the phone or remembering old conquests with his editor.

The rest of the play centers around the escape of a man about to be hanged. The condemned man complicates the lives of Hildy Johnson, his editor Walter Burns, his fiancée Peggy Grant, and two corrupt city officials.

Dr. Peter Phillips, a local surgeon and former drama student, gives a powerful portrayal of Burns, and successfully enriches the quality of acting in the final two acts. The interactions between Burns and Johnson make for the most entertaining scenes in the play.

Another community standout was Abrey Dunkum, who played the mayor. His monologues had character and were delivered in the spirit of a wily man made rich by corruption. His partner in crime, Sheriff Hartman — played

by James B. McCall — lurches between being a buffoon and a law-and-order tough guy. But he never seems to be out of character and his ineptness made him almost a likeable stooge.

Other notable performances included those by Ty Richardson as the simpleton Woodenshoes Eichorn and Sherry Tuckett as Johnson's fiery mother-in-law.

The rapid and farcical scenes that make up the second and third acts give the audience a chance to loosen up from the bitter bigotries. The scenes also allow the audience to root for the hapless escapee and laugh over the misadventures of Johnson's mother-in-law.

The hilarious situations and sight jokes of the final act will leave almost anyone chuckling and applauding as the cast is reintroduced at the finish.

"The Front Page" runs July 22-26 and July 29-August 2 at 8 p.m. each evening. The play is directed by James Kriley, chairman of the University of Montana Drama Department.

—Steve Grayson

## Moliere play opens July 29

Outdoor theater returns to Missoula July 29 with the performance of Moliere's *The Doctor in Spite of Himself* on the University of Montana Oval at 7 p.m.

Performed by Montana State University's Shakespeare in the Parks, this play is part of the troupe's ninth season of summer performances.

The play, written by Moliere in the 17th century, concerns domestic fiasco in the home of a worthless woodcutter. It will be performed by 10 actors on an Elizabethan-style portable stage.

Following the play, the bluegrass band — the Hurricane Ridgerunners — will perform for about one hour.

Both performances will be free

and will be held in the University Center Ballroom in case of rain.

The event is sponsored by ASUM Programming.



LARGE STAFFS AND RUBBER CHICKENS are weapons for fiasco in Moliere's *The Doctor in Spite of Himself*.

## ORC plans river raft trip

Whitewater adventure and wilderness exploration highlight the Outdoor Resource Center's schedule for the next two weeks.

Raft trips through the Clark Fork Gorge are planned for July 26 and Aug. 1. These trips, which depart from the Harry Adams Field House at 8 a.m., are not for beginners and will require paddling. Registration fee is \$10, which is payable at Women's Center 109.

A backpacking trip into the Mission Mountains is planned for Aug. 8 and 9. A pre-trip meeting will be at ORC Aug. 6 at 6 p.m. The registration fee is \$12, which is payable at Women's Center 109.

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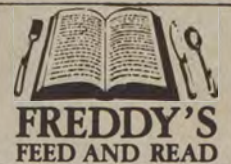
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## Abortion . . .

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ment, and to force their representatives to do the same.

"This is a moral problem," Edna May Leonard, a Pro-Choice lobbyist said. "Morality cannot be legislated and beliefs cannot be legislated or enforced."

Like Pro-Choice, Montana Right to Life will begin battling on new fronts. Suzanne Morris, president of the state chapter, said the group is now working to stop the appointment of Sandra O'Conner, an Arizona judge, as the newest justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Morris claims O'Conner voted for pro-abortion legislation during her tenure in the Arizona Legislature. Morris said this makes O'Conner — the first woman ever nominated to the high court — unacceptable for the position.

Right to Life has already begun a letter-writing campaign opposing the nomination. And Morris said she may travel to Washington, D.C., to lobby Montana senators to oppose O'Conner.

Right to Life will also take other action:

- at a special legislative session. If a special session is called next year to deal with federal

money, Morris said Right to Life will lobby to have federal funds denied to groups like Planned Parenthood, which she said supports abortion.



Simulated layout of equipment at Blue Mountain Women's Clinic. (Photo by Nicolyn Rosen.)

- at the abortion clinics. While Right to Life has picketed abortion clinics in the past, Morris said it will consider something new, such as extended sit-ins.
- at the regular legislative session. Right to Life may pull its

support from the passage of a Montana resolution for a Human Life Amendment in 1983. Morris said that Right to Life might instead support other types of legislation — such as a bill requiring anesthesia for a fetus over six weeks old — in order to further hamper abortionists in the state.

### The National Question

But soon, both Montana Right to Life and the Montana Pro-Choice Coalition may see their work eclipsed by an abortion fight on the national level. Already this year, a human life amendment has been introduced in Congress. But abortion foes have gone a step further: they introduced a Human Life Statute. Like the amendment, the statute would define life as beginning at conception, and thus, could allow states to consider abortion as murder. But unlike an amendment, which requires both the support of Congress and of three-quarters of the states for approval, the statute only requires the approval of Congress and the president to become law.

"I hope the amendment will be passed this session," O'Connell said. "But I hope I'm not being too optimistic."

But even if the amendment and other abortion legislation fails in Congress, one thing is certain. The fighting isn't over: not in the nation, not in Montana. And regardless of the outcome this year, both sides, at least in the Big Sky, are still ready and willing to slug it out.

—Greg Gadberry and Renata Birkenbuel

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